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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" They are given a decent examination."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I want to know whether a memorandum given to a Minister, even though he may not hold the portfolio under which the subject-matter of the memorandum falls, will be considered as a memorandum submitted to the Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. To whichever Minister a memorandum is given, it is sent to the Minister concerned."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into the matter and see whether such a memorandum was submitted and, if so, whether it was passed on to the concerned department? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. I shall try to verify the statement of the hon. Member."

Grant for the construction of the District Board High School building at Kollegal.

* 160 *Q.*—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government have not disbursed the grant for the construction of the District Board High School building at Kollegal; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the construction of the school building has been suspended owing to the non-receipt of the grant?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The question of admitting to aid from State funds, the scheme for the construction of a building for the Board High School at Kollegal is under consideration. The subsidy will be sanctioned after the scheme is admitted to aid.

" (*b*) A portion of the scheme has not been taken up for execution by the District Board, Coimbatore, for want of funds."

Appointment to the post of Principal, Government Textile Institute, Madras.

* 161 *Q.*—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether applications were called for by the Public Service Commission for filling the post of Principal, Government Textile Institute, Madras?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether it is a fact that one Mr. Vedantam Ayyangar who has no University qualifications to his credit, has been re-appointed for a further period of two months on contract? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sri Vedantam was one of the many applicants considered by the Madras Public Service Commission. The Commission considered seven applications and finally came to the conclusion that Sri Vedantam was the most appropriate candidate. The Government accepted the selection of the Madras Public Service Commission, relaxed the necessary rules in his favour and have appointed him as the Principal of the Government Textile Institute on 12th February 1954."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what the qualifications of Sri Vedantam Ayyangar are and whether there are not candidates available for this post who have got University qualifications as well as higher and foreign qualifications? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The qualification prescribed is a Degree of the College of Textiles Technology, Manchester or an equivalent American or European qualification and service for a period of two years in all after acquiring the necessary qualifications. Mr. Vedantam possesses a Diploma in Textiles of the Municipal College of Technology, Bolton, holds a First-class Certificate in Engineering applied to the Textile Industry (City and Guilds) and had worked in Howard-Bullaugh Textile Machine Manufacturing Works as an apprentice and in Stanhill Ring Spinning Mills, Accrington. In 1949, when this post was vacant, there were no applicants with the appropriate qualifications. Therefore, we appointed him on contract. The period of contract having expired on 28th July 1953, we thought we shall advertise afresh for this post and in view of Mr. Vedantam's long experience, we thought this man could also be included for selection by the Madras Public Service Commission. It is true that other applicants with the appropriate qualifications were examined. The Madras Public Service Commission on their own recommended Mr. Vedantam and we accepted their recommendation."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Has the Government, on the appeal of Mr. Vedantam, decided to relax the rules in his favour or did the Government *suo motu* relax the rules? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government were of opinion that if he was otherwise suitable and selected by the Madras Public Service Commission, they could relax the rules."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware that in view of the large number of re-appointments made in favour of one community the public are led to believe that favouritism is in vogue? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member begins to suspect the Madras Public Service Commission; I am afraid there is no salvation for him and me."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is the Government in the habit of communicating its mind to the Service Commission before the recommendations of the Commission are communicated to the Government? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir. The hon. Member will realize that we make no recommendation. Sometimes, we accept and sometimes we may not accept. But, in this case, we have mentioned the reasons for accepting the recommendation."

Regularization of the services of Highways maistris in Tanjore division.

* 162 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the services of Highways maistris working in the Tanjore dvision have been regularized; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The general question of regularizing the services of maistris in the Highways Department as a whole was left for consideration by the respective State Governments after partition. Accordingly, the question is now under examination by this Government. The general orders in the case will cover the maistris in the Tanjore Division also."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Highways Department-ல் வேலை செய்யக் கூடிய மேஸ்திரிகள் பத்து, பன்னிரண்டு வருஷங்களாக சர்விஸ் ஆகியும் கூட அவர்களுடைய வேலைகள் நிரந்தரமாக்கப்படாமல், இன்றைக்கோ நாளைக்கோ வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்கப்படுவார்கள் என்ற அபாய நிலைமையில் இருக்கிறார்கள். இந்த நிலைமை நீண்ட காலம் நீடிக்காமல் இருப்பதற்கு உடனடியாக அவர்களுடைய சர்விஸை நிரந்தரமாக்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஒரு முடிவு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, it was only the other day I answered a similar question that the Chief Engineer (Highways) has sent in proposals and we have sent a communication only on the 15th of February 1954 asking for certain clarifications with regard to the grades and other things. As soon as his reply is received, we will take action very expeditiously."